

Horseshoe Lake - Carondelet Park Renovation

Fact Sheet

What: Horseshoe Lake in Carondelet Park is being renovated to improve fish habitat and angler access. Prior to the renovation, all fish must be removed and the lake must be drained. So, an emergency fish salvage order has been issued, to allow anglers to remove fish.

Renovation will include:

- lake deepening
- construction of angler access facilities
- fish habitat installation

When: A public fish salvage will run from September 5, 2002 through March 15, 2003, with draining to begin around September 9, 2002. Renovation should be completed by April, 2003. Regular fish stockings will begin after the renovation is completed.

Why: Over the years, Horseshoe Lake has silted in, making fish survival difficult. In fact, Horseshoe Lake has been the site of fishkills. Deepening the lake will help prevent excessive aquatic plant growth and low-oxygen fishkills. Installation of sunken islands, rock piles, and brush piles will improve fish habitat and fishing. Also, lake renovation will make it possible to attempt to establish largemouth bass, bluegill, and redear sunfish populations to provide more types of fishing.

Construction or renovation of fishing platforms and trails will improve access for all anglers, making Horseshoe Lake a nicer place to fish.

Who: This renovation is a cooperative project between the Missouri Department of Conservation and the St. Louis Department of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry.

Nearby

Lakes: During the renovation, anglers can fish nearby Boathouse Lake in Carondelet Park and North or South lakes in Willmore Park.

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